

RUSSIA TO TAKE OFFENSIVE.

CZAR SENDS NEW ORDERS TO GEN. KOUROPATKIN.

Attempt to Save Port Arthur Considered Likely—Grand Council and General Staff Agree on a Change in Tactics—Japanese Charge of Treachery.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.
PARIS, June 5.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Journal says there was a meeting of the Grand Council and the General Staff yesterday under the presidency of the czar, at which important decisions involving the adoption of offensive tactics in the present campaign were reached.

LONDON, June 6.—Despatches from St. Petersburg and other Russian centres describe the general feeling of great uneasiness prevailing in all circles. The Petit Journal's announcement regarding the decisions of the Russian grand council and General Staff to adopt offensive tactics is supported by despatches to the Express and Mail.

The correspondent of the Express says the general popular feeling that Port Arthur must be saved at all costs has overcome the opinion of the best military authorities. As a result Gen. Kouroupatkin has been instructed to attempt to get through a relief force of 40,000 or 50,000 troops. The czar and the court advisers favor this plan.

The correspondent adds that he has reason to believe that the force will merely be kept ready and making feints at Gen. Kouroupatkin's army, thus assisting Port Arthur by lessening the forces opposed to it. It is stated that Gen. Kouroupatkin has requested the czar to cancel the instructions sent to him.

The correspondent of the Mail confirms the statement that it is the intention of Russia to stand or fall by Port Arthur, as in the event of the capture of the fortress by the Japanese, serious trouble in Russia would be inevitable. He adds that Count Lamsdorf, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has hitherto been protected by the czar, who is now displaying a strong personality in an unwelcome manner, but it is expected that the Minister will be sacrificed as a scapegoat to popular indignation.

It is freely suggested that Gen. Kouroupatkin has lost favor with the court, but it is certain that no change in the command of the army is contemplated.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post says he has the highest authority for stating that Russia is preparing to cope with a serious Chinese invasion.

A despatch from Chiofoo says that the Japanese army investing Port Arthur extends from Shulanterak on the west to Chiocheung on the east, from twelve to fourteen miles from the fortress. The Japanese outposts are being gradually advanced to within four miles of the land defenses.

The Japanese fleet has taken possession of two Russian torpedo boats that were abandoned at Dalny and another vessel that is ashore in Tallienwan Bay. There are indications that the Port Arthur fleet will make a desperate effort to rally from the port during the land attack.

RUSSIANS USING WIRELESS.
Port Arthur in Communication With Chinese Territory.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
TOKIO, June 5.—It is suspected that the Russians at Port Arthur are communicating with Chinese territory by means of wireless telegraphy, their instruments probably being on some small islands off the coast. The Japanese cruiser Chitose discovered four masts showing above Liaotian, but they were out of range of her guns.

It is reported that several explosions, accompanied by dense masses of smoke, were heard yesterday at Port Arthur.

The Japanese destroyer Ikazuchi has destroyed a mine at Nanshan Island, off the Liaotian peninsula.

The Japanese rear guard has repulsed 2,000 Russian infantry, one battery and some cavalry at Chiocheung. The Japanese casualties were eight.

A reconnoitering detachment from Gen. Kouroupatkin's army has defeated 600 Russians north of Fengwangcheng.

LONDON, June 6.—A number of Shanghai correspondents report the belief in Japan that the French are installing wireless telegraphy at Chienwan in the hope of exchanging news with Port Arthur.

CARRIER PIGEONS USED.
Messages From Port Arthur Sent by That Means to Chiofoo.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
NEWCHANG, June 5.—Despatches from Chiofoo report the receipt there of messages sent by carrier pigeons from Gen. Stoessel, the commander of the Port Arthur garrison, which were forwarded, without their contents being divulged, to St. Petersburg.

A junk arrived at Chiofoo from Dalny on Saturday. A Chinese passenger on board of her who was recently in Port Arthur says that the Russians there, inclusive of sailors, number 40,000. Only four of the larger ships are undamaged. The rest of the fleet is being repaired.

CLEARING TALIENWAN BAY.
Shell Divers Removing the Mines for the Japanese.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
TOKIO, June 5.—The Japanese are employing shell divers from Kureto clear the mines in Tallienwan Bay. The divers volunteered for this work. They are wonderfully expert, and are able to work half a day.

Hundreds of fishermen are volunteering to assist in clearing the bay of mines, and it is probable that some of them will be accepted.

FOR RUSSIAN REFORM.
M. Witte Urging the Czar to Take Up the Question.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, June 6.—A despatch to the Standard from St. Petersburg says that M. Witte is regaining his old influence in high quarters. He is said to be urging the czar to consider the advisability of authorizing the Senate to investigate the general condition of the people of the country with the view ultimately of making such administrative changes as will bring Russia more nearly into line with the Western Powers.

TELS OF RUSSIAN TREACHERY.
Japanese Officer Says White Flag Was Misused at Nanshan Hill.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
LONDON, June 6.—A despatch to the Telegraph from Nagasaki gives an account of the abuse by the Russians of the white flag at the battle of Nanshan Hill as told by a Japanese officer who was wounded and who has arrived at Moji. He says: "We advanced and were on the point of passing them [the Russians who displayed the white flag] when they fired point blank at us, killing many. It was this piece of

treachery that accounts for the greatest loss of the Japanese casualties."

CHANGE IN RUSSIAN UNIFORM.

Whole Army to Wear Gray Tunics and Cap Covers.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
ST. PETERSBURG, June 5.—Gen. Kouroupatkin has issued an order, with the consent of Viceroy Alexieff, that tunics and cap covers of a gray tint shall be worn by the whole army as soon as they can be procured from Russia. In order to accelerate the change in uniform an attempt will be made to dye the white tunics gray.

Officers will be permitted to wear tunics with epaulettes, but their tunics and cap covers must be of the same color as those to be worn by the ordinary soldiers.

DEFEAT OF COSSACKS.
Gen. Kuroki Says the Russian Losses Were Heavy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
TOKIO, June 5.—The defeat of 800 Cossacks by a reconnoitering detachment from Gen. Kuroki's army took place toward Chaimachi. Gen. Kuroki says that the Russian losses were heavy. The Japanese lost one killed and three wounded.

Y. M. C. A. IN THE JAP. ARMY.
Twelve of Its Representatives Have Gone to the Front With the Troops.

The Young Men's Christian Association made it known yesterday that six Japanese and six foreigners, representing the Y. M. C. A., had been permitted to go to the front with the Japanese troops. Five of these are missionaries. Through their agency the Y. M. C. A. will establish tents containing correspondence materials, reading matter, musical instruments, games and other features, as may be provided for social and relief purposes at the principal camps in Korea as far north as the Yalu.

A fund to provide for the enterprise has been raised. The recent Y. M. C. A. convention in Buffalo \$500 was pledged. New Jersey associations have sent out \$500, and other associations are contributing. It is announced that \$1,000 more will be required to see the enterprise through the year. The Association will act as a medium of general helpfulness for the distribution of comforts for the soldiers.

SHOT INTO A CROWD OF BOYS.
Drunk Italian Wounded One—Police Saved Him From Angry Mob.

Another Italian, full of rum and bent on mischief, without the slightest provocation, created excitement in the Fifth ward, Brooklyn, last night. After shooting a boy he was chased by an angry mob, and would have been unmercifully handled, had it not been for the prompt arrival on the scene of Patrolmen Phelan and Tynan of the Adams street station. As it was, Patrolman Tynan was compelled to draw his revolver to keep the infuriated crowd at bay.

Shortly before 10 o'clock last night a number of boys were seated on the curb at Nassau street and Hudson avenue, singing. Andrew Polivino, 22 years old, of 352 Hudson avenue, came along at this time. He had been drinking and was in a fighting mood. The singing of the boys annoyed him and, without warning, he pulled out a .32 calibre revolver and fired at them. The boys ran. Louis Montgomery, 14 years old, of 273 Nassau street, gave a cry and fell into the gutter. When one of the men asked him what was the matter, he said: "I'm shot."

"Kill the Italian!" shouted one of the men, and they gave chase for by this time the Italian was running away. Patrolman Phelan had heard the shots. He hastened after the Italian and caught him. The angry men were trying to get him away. Patrolman Tynan arrived and ordered the crowd away.

"We'll kill the Italian if we can get hold of him," said one of the men.

Patrolman Tynan drew his revolver and kept guard until the arrival of the patrol wagon. In the meantime an ambulance from the Brooklyn Hospital had been summoned. Surgeon Adams said the boy had been shot in the left thigh. He was removed to the hospital.

In the midst of the excitement Rocco Cordasco, 23 years old, of 115 Navy street, arrived and asked what was the trouble. Believing that he had been with Polivino, the crowd knocked him down and stamped on him. He was holding his head. He was also arrested by the police. He said he knew Polivino, but denied having been in his company at the time of the shooting.

Polivino was locked up, charged with felonious assault, and Cordasco was charged with having participated in the shooting.

FOUND PARTS OF WOMAN'S BODY.
The Tennessee River Furnishes the Materials for a Murder Mystery.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 5.—Isaac Johnson, a fisherman, while running his line, found a floating soap box containing dismembered portions of a woman's body. On an island nearby a hand and arm were discovered.

This afternoon, two miles further down the river and just above the dam, Phelan found a human head floating near the shore. The coroner had just completed an inquest over the soap box remains when he was summoned to attend the head was found. The inquest was held over the head. The police have made no progress with the mystery.

DROWNED ESCAPING FROM HEAT.
Two Men Shot in Water to Cool Off and Lose Their Lives.

BALTIMORE, Md., June 5.—Baltimore inaugurated its outing season to-day with the report of two drownings. Overheated after a baseball game William Brown, 18 years of age, jumped into Catoe Creek to cool off. He was seized with cramps, and before assistance could reach him, he was drowned.

Lewis Hornick, aged 19 years, tried the same trick at Rock Creek, and met with a similar fate. Both men were single. Their bodies have been recovered.

TWO KILLED IN A CARD GAME.
Negroes End a Dispute by a Free Use of Revolvers—One Wounded.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 5.—Jerry Dial and Henry Sherman were killed and Warren Samples wounded in a shooting affair at Piedmont this afternoon.

A party of negroes were playing cards in a cabin when a dispute arose. The shooting followed. The two dead negroes were shot in the back. The other members of the party fled and it is not known who did the shooting.

Soldier Drowned at Target Practice.
New London, Conn., June 5.—While the tug Robert Palmer was towing a floating target off Fort Michie, Gull Island, Saturday afternoon, the tug became entangled with a flag pole and David Idler, a private, attempted to clear the rope. The strain snapped the pole and Idler was swept overboard. A deckhand seized a life preserver and jumped overboard in an attempt to save Idler, but the soldier was drowned before the deckhand could reach him. Private Idler was a member of the Twelfth Company, Coast Artillery, stationed at Fort Wright, Fisher's Island.

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ROWDIES ASSAULT MANY JEWS

CAUSE A RIOT IN THE WALLABOOTH SECTION OF WILLIAMSBURG.

Break Store Windows, Attack Women and Children, overturn Pushcarts and Injure One Man Seriously—Police Reserves Arrest Two, Who Are Held.

A crowd of young hoodlums invaded the Jewish quarter in Wallabout street, near Harrison avenue, Williamsburg, yesterday morning and made a savage attack on men, women and children, besides smashing shop windows of stores, upsetting pushcarts and soda fountains and doing other damage. They had stones, bricks and sticks, and without the slightest provocation, assailed everybody who crossed their path.

When Joseph Bauer, a well known business man of 388 Wallabout street, remonstrated with the rowdies he was hit in the head with a brick and fell senseless. Jacob Negler, a neighbor of Bauer, attempted to aid him. He received a terrific blow on his head with a stick. For nearly half an hour the rowdies were in possession of the street. A number of Jews with long beards had tufts of hair yanked out of their chins.

No intense was the excitement among the Jews that several hundred surrounded the invaders, but were no match for them. Finally somebody sent word to the Clijmer street police station that a riot was in progress. (Capt. Helahan turned out the reserve. The rowdies, seeing this, stopped their mischief and ran away. A number of Jews who had been savagely attacked kept a tight grip on Patrick Palmer, 18 years old, of 89 Clijmer street, and Henry Lehman, 21 years old, of 63 Bartlett street. They were taken to the station house, followed by nearly 500 Hebrews. A charge of disorderly conduct was made against each and when they were arraigned in the Lee avenue police court a son of Bauer told Magistrate Maguire that his father was in a serious condition because of his encounter with the roughs.

An additional charge of assault was made against Palmer and Lehman. The latter was held in \$600 bail for a hearing, \$500 on the assault charge and \$100 on the other.

E. W. PERRY DIES IN A HOTEL.
Grandson of the Commodore, a Nephew of Garfield and a Close-Mouthed Man.

Emerson Walcott Perry, a grandson of Commodore Perry and a nephew of President Garfield, died suddenly yesterday forenoon in the toilet room of the Gilsey House. He had been dead there two hours before one of the porters discovered his body.

Dr. Walter Flemming, the house physician identified the dead man. In the physician's opinion Perry's death was due to heart disease.

When his pockets were searched papers addressed to Perry at the Putnam House were found. The clerk at that hotel sent word that although Perry had been living there for two years no one in the hotel knew anything about him, and the only friend of Perry's that he knew was A. V. Oliver, a California man. He did not know where Oliver was to be found.

Coroner Brown gave a permit for the removal of the body from the Gilsey House and the Tendorian police took charge of it. They were about to send it to the Morgue, when Oliver turned up and engaged an undertaker.

Perry, who was about 70 years old, had had a picturesque career. He was a promoter, and for twenty-five years had lived in the city of San Francisco. He was standing by one of the regulars there. When it closed he made his headquarters at the Sturtevant House. When that hotel burned he left the city and went to the Putnam House.

He was born in Vermont on the Perry homestead at Cream Hill on Lake Champlain. His sister, Mrs. Hunt, now lives there. He was graduated from Union College in the early '60s. He went west and for many years made his home in San Francisco. He made a great deal of money there and once was looked on as a millionaire. Mr. Oliver said of him last night:

"When I was a boy in San Francisco Perry was a big man there. He was in the real estate business, and at one time he owned the property in the San Francisco City Hall is built. He came back there twenty-five or thirty years ago. He had money when he left the coast, but I understood that he sank a good deal of it in mining ventures."

"Perry was one of the most reticent men I ever knew. He went west accompanied by his Uncle Garfield, who was a brother of President Garfield. The uncle was a lawyer. He settled in Washington Territory and built up a good law business. He became the territorial delegate of the State later. Perry taught school in the Territory for several years and then went to San Francisco."

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Oliver is staying at the Ashland House. He will forward Perry's body to his old home to-day.

FOUND DEAD IN HOTEL ROOM.
"W. Parker of San Francisco" May Have Killed Himself.

A man registered at the Bartholdi Hotel on Saturday afternoon as "W. Parker of San Francisco," and got a room on the third floor. He had his dinner in the restaurant that night and wanted the bill checked, but the hotel folks objected.

"Very well, then; let it hang over until to-morrow," he said. "I haven't any ready cash just at present."

Parker stayed around the hotel for some time after this and then went to his room. The chambermaid couldn't get an answer yesterday, and last night the door was forced open. Parker was dead in bed.

Blood had flowed from his mouth, but there was no wound visible. Coroner Jackson viewed the body and gave a permit for its removal. An autopsy will be held on it to-day. Neither he nor the hotel folks could say whether the man had killed himself or had died of apoplexy.

He had only 42 cents in money and not a scrap of paper in his pocket to tell who he was. There were no marks on his clothing except on his coat. In this was the name "W. Parker." He was bought from Peace River, Minnesota. He had a handbag, but it only contained a few articles of wearing apparel.

BULLFIGHT TURNS TO A RIOT.

POLICE STOP THE SHOW AND MOB BURNS THE ARENA.

Attempt to Give St. Louis Fair Visitors a Real Spanish Spectacle Prevented—Promoters Disappeared With Receipts and the Crowd Railed Riots.

ST. LOUIS, June 5.—The bullfight which was advertised to take place near the world's fair grounds this afternoon was prevented by officers of St. Louis county, who placed the manager, H. A. Tullridge, under arrest.

When the disappointed patrons found that the fight would not be permitted they stormed the office of the company, breaking all the windows, and then set fire to the large arena, burning it to the ground. A majority of the 2,500 persons who had paid the admission price of \$1 formed the mob.

Richard Norris, the proprietor of the grounds, and his associates, sneaked out of the office in disguise after the mob had begun to demolish the windows and clamor for the return of their money, carrying the gate receipts with them.

An attempt to arrest one of the men who was seen throwing a stone through the window precipitated a riot in which dozens of revolvers were drawn. Several officers stood together, however, and after clubbing some of the mob with the butt ends of their revolvers and threatening to shoot others managed to disperse the crowd.

A riot call was sent in to the St. Louis police department and a message was sent to Sheriff Hencken. By the time the officers had responded, however, the flames had already passed beyond control, and the fury of the mob had become somewhat subsided.

This was about 7 o'clock, and the crowd stood about peacefully watching the flames shoot up from the fine structure, while the few firemen sent out from the world's fair grounds busied themselves saving furniture and several small stands and houses adjacent to the arena. The cost of the arena was \$10,000.

The show began about 3 o'clock and for about two hours the people were entertained with a creditable display of riding, shooting and roping. At 5 o'clock the gates were opened and two horses with riders costumed in flaming red jackets, followed by six Spanish toreadors, entered.

They went to the centre of the arena, where the manager stood. The order to bring in the bull went out, but Deputy Sheriff Osenford stepped forward with three other officers and read the warrant to Mr. Tullridge.

The mob took the chairs from the boxes, smashed them over the railing and threw the pieces out into the arena. Boards were kicked loose and the long scantiings were used as a battering ram. In this way a great number of the spectators were demolished. Two small boys were wildly cheered when they drove three of the herd of eighteen bulls from their stalls into the arena. They had battered the doors down.

The amphitheatre was soon full of people again and the boys amused the audience by waving pieces of a red quilt at the animals, which huddled up in fear. They were the commonest kind of Texas steers, and refused to show any fight.

In the meantime some of the mob had stolen a dozen bales of hay from a nearby camp and set the pile on fire under the northwest corner of the structure.

MALPIN AGAINST PERRY.
Content Coming for Republican Leadership of the 21th.

Republicans who have become dissatisfied with the conduct of affairs in the Twenty-seventh district under the leadership of James V. Malpin have decided to oppose the latter at the primaries in August. Gen. E. A. McAlpin has been chosen to lead the fight against him. A meeting will be held at the Cadillac Hotel on Wednesday evening.

The call for the first meeting is signed by Gen. Howard Carroll, Edwin Einstein, Dr. E. Valentine Buck, Thurlow Wedd Barnes, Arthur Engel and others. They have been in the six years which Mr. Perry has been leader there has been a steady diminution of the Republican vote in the district, which gave Taylor the plurality last year. While the Republican plurality for Odell was over 2,500. The district has always been rated as one of the best in the city.

Mr. Perry, since assuming the leadership, has run twice for Congress and been defeated, the last time by Francis Burton Harrison.

Gen. McAlpin was retired by Gov. Odell as treasurer of the Republican State campaign. His sister, Mrs. Hunt, now lives there. He was graduated from Union College in the early '60s. He went west and for many years made his home in San Francisco. He made a great deal of money there and once was looked on as a millionaire. Mr. Oliver said of him last night:

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WILLIAM A. HALL ARRESTED.
William A. Hall, of the Herring-Hall-Martin Safe Co. was arrested yesterday afternoon by Policeman Remington, charged with speeding his automobile on Riverside avenue and striking a horse and rider while he was driving. He gave \$100 cash bail in the station house and rode away without giving the names of the four women who were riding with him. He had his license for a motorcycle and said that he had not exceeded the speed limit.

SECRETARY FLORY RESIGNS.
Result of Discussions in the National Commission of the St. Louis Fair.

ST. LOUIS, June 5.—Owing to discussions in the national commission of the St. Louis fair, Joseph Flory, secretary of the commission, has resigned his position. He was succeeded by Laurence E. Graham, an eastern newspaper man and personal friend of President Roosevelt.

Flory declined to make any statement of the causes leading to his resignation, saying: "I have nothing to say at present beyond the fact that I have taken the only step consistent with conditions as they now exist. I shall have something to say later."

Friends of Mr. Flory are endeavoring to cause talk at least one high officer in the exposition management will be shown up in an unpleasant light.

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GOV. MURPHY BACK.

Gov. Franklin Murphy of New Jersey got back yesterday aboard the White Star liner Celtic from a six weeks' vacation, which he declared had benefited him greatly. He looks fit to enter the fall campaign for his party. He said:

"I left word to all my friends and my secretary not to send me any letters or papers, so that I might be absolutely alone from business and political affairs. I went away seeking health and found it. I walked from fifteen to twenty miles a day, and lived chiefly on a bread and milk diet."

"Now that I feel so well I shall doubtless take part in the national campaign of the Republican party. I am not much of a political orator, however, in fact, I make speeches only when I can't help it. Senator Hanna's death has been felt severely in the Republican national committee. But George B. Corley, whom I know very well, is a bright, able, adaptable man, who will, I think, prove equal to the demands of any emergency."

Who is your candidate for the Vice-Presidency?

"Well, I think Senator Fairbanks is a capital man for the place. I believe that no man should be nominated for the Vice-Presidency who is not equal to the Presidency. Fairbanks is able and popular. As for the Presidency, Mr. Roosevelt is naturally the only candidate to be thought of. I think we could not improve on the last Republican platform. But whatever a party may be or whatever it may say in its platform, no party can get away from its own record. The people are, I believe, going to judge the Republican party by its record, and I think the record is a good one."

NO INSTRUCTIONS IN TEXAS.
Result of the Primaries Held Saturday Favors Neither Parker Nor Hearst.

DALLAS, Tex., June 5.—Neither Hearst nor Parker has carried Texas in the primaries held yesterday. The uninstructed vote will hold the balance of power in the State convention. Less than fifty of the 247 counties of the State have been heard from conclusively, but these show the drift of the work done yesterday.

In the instructed vote Parker does not seem to have any advantage over Hearst, and in the uninstructed vote, if there is any material advantage, it would seem to be Hearst's. An estimate from the returns so far received would give each candidate from 300 to 350 votes in the convention, leaving from 300 to 400 votes uninstructed.

Hearst Gains in Minnesota.
DULUTH, Minn., June 5.—Hearst will have at least 100 of the 130 delegates in the Democratic county convention which will meet in this city Saturday, and will be able to control the St. Louis county delegation.

This statement was given out to-night by prominent Democratic leaders after the primary polls had closed.

Judge Gray May Have Won in Delaware.
WILMINGTON, Del., June 5.—The results of the Democratic primaries on Saturday indicate that the supporters of Judge Gray in the State convention to be held on Tuesday may have a narrow margin, although the forces that believe in uninstructed delegates are claiming a majority.

WOMEN STAND BY POLYGAMY.
Utah Democrats Asked Not to Vote Against the Practice at St. Louis.

SALT LAKE, Utah, June 5.—Prominent Democrats of Utah are being visited by a committee of Mormon women for the purpose of securing pledges to oppose the adoption of an anti-polygamy plank by the national Democratic convention. The committee is headed by Dr. Mattie Hughes Cannon, former president of the Salt Lake Stake of the Mormon Church.

Men who are looked upon as probable delegates to the St. Louis convention are being interviewed by the women, who request wholly upon the ground that the interests of the Church demand that to plank of this nature be put in the platform.

A majority of the men approached, irrespective of religious belief, contend that opposition from the Utah delegation would be bad politics and would not result in a benefit to the Church. Therefore they have declined to pledge themselves in opposition to the plank. It is believed the women are acting under instructions from the Church authorities.

The Authors' Club of Salt Lake has forwarded its notice of withdrawal to the Society of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. The Authors' Club is composed almost wholly of Mormon women. Its action is a result of the anti-Mormon resolution passed by the biennial convention of the federation at St. Louis in May.

The resolution placed the federation on record as opposed to the affiliation of any women's clubs with any sect inimical to the Constitution of the United States or opposed to the principles of American womanhood.

SEVERE STORM IN BALTIMORE.
Lightning Plays Havoc With the Wires—Torrent of Rain in the City.

BALTIMORE, June 5.—Just as the bay excursionists were on the return trip to the city this evening an electrical storm burst, which in the end proved to be the severest of the early summer season. Those returning from their outing were almost terror stricken, but cool heads prevailed and no serious accidents were averted.

In the city there was a veritable cloud-burst. The storm came on shortly before dark and continued for several hours. The streets in several parts of the city were veritable rivers, while in the outlying districts the lightning played havoc. Telephone and telegraph wires suffered severely and communication in various instances was cut off.

At the Post Office exchange of the Maryland Telephone Company a thunderbolt set fire to the trunk lines and toll board, and so doing the communication was cut off. The fire was extinguished, but not before considerable damage had been done. Wires were leveled in the suburbs and street car traffic was seriously interfered with.

The storm on the bay and its tributaries was startling, but up to a late hour tonight no disasters were reported. The various companies are endeavoring to restore communication as quickly as possible, but the submerged condition of the streets and roads is making their task somewhat difficult.

Piano Case Factory Burned.
The works of the Manhattan Piano Case Company at Crosskill, N. J., were destroyed by fire yesterday.

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